

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PEPR, KS, JA, US  
SUBJ: JAPAN-KOREA-US PARLIAMENTARY RELATIONS

REF: A) 77 SEOUL 356 (NOTAL), B) TOKYO 3833 (NOTAL)

1. ON MARCH 22 THE EMBASSY RECEIVED FROM THE KOREA-JAPAN PARLIAMENTARIANS UNION MESSAGES ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT CARTER, VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE, AND SPEAKER O'NEILL, PURSUANT TO A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ORGANIZATION IN ITS SEVENTH GENERAL MEETING, HELD IN SEOUL IN JANUARY. THESE MESSAGES, WHICH ALSO ENCLOSE COPIES OF THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THAT MEETING, REVIEW A NUMBER OF FAMILIAR POSITIONS REGARDING SECURITY ISSUES. THE ITEM OF PRINCIPAL INTEREST IS THE RECOMMENDATION THAT A "TRIPARTITE CONSULTATIVE FORUM SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED AMONG THE LAWMAKERS OF KOREA, JAPAN, AND THE UNITED STATES IN THE NEAR FUTURE ACCORDING TO THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT THE PREVIOUS 5TH, 6TH GENERAL MEETINGS." ATTACHED TO THE MESSAGES (POUCHED TO EA/K) ARE LISTS OF THE 135 KOREAN AND 254 JAPANESE PARLIAMENTARIANS ASSOCIATED WITH THE LEAGUE.

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2. THE CONCEPT OF TRIPARTITE CONSULTATIONS IN THE SECURITY CONTEXT HAS BEEN AROUND FOR SOME TIME (REF A) ALTHOUGH BOTH KOREANS AND JAPANESE HAVE BEEN EDGING UP TO IT CAUTIOUSLY. THE TWO-MONTH DELAY IN CONVEYING THE MESSAGE TO THE EMBASSY, WHILE IT MAY HAVE BEEN PARTLY ACCIDENTAL, AT LEAST REFLECTS SOMETHING LESS THAN FERVENT ENTHUSIASM

FOR THE IDEA ON THE PART OF THE PARLIAMENTARIANS INVOLVED.  
NONETHELESS THE DECISION TO TRANSMIT IT NOW SUGGESTS THAT  
THE RECENT VISIT TO JAPAN OF RETIRED MILITARY OFFICERS  
IN THE KOREAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (REF B) MAY HAVE  
SPARKED RENEWED INTEREST IN OR TOLERATION OF THE SUBJECT.  
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